

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 1, 2002
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN RANDY CORMAN. CARRIED.

Councilman Corman arrived at 7:45 p.m.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER CURTIS SMALLING, Police Department.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2002 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ The Greater Renton Human Services Providers Network will host a *Summer Activities for Kids* brown bag lunch at the Community Center on Wednesday, April 10th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend to learn more about programs and activities available for Renton children this summer.
- ✱ Thanks to the North Renton Neighborhood Association, two decorative planters located beside the entrance to the Renton Public Library now have an array of new flowers.
- ✱ Public Works has begun providing additional sidewalk cleaning services at the Downtown Transit Center in order to improve the appearance of the facility.

Streets: S 180th St/SW 43rd St
Closure (Tukwila's Grade
Separation Project)

Gregg Zimmerman, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator, reported on the request by the City of Tukwila's contractor to close S. 180th St./SW 43rd St. by April 3rd, a month earlier than anticipated. He stated that the City wanted to complete the restoration work on Lind Ave. SW and to open Oakesdale Ave. SW prior to the street closure. Mr. Zimmerman explained that the reason Tukwila wanted to close the street a month earlier was due to significant work that needs to be completed by Puget Sound Energy and by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroad companies.

After talking with the City of Tukwila and various businesses that will be affected by the street closure, Mr. Zimmerman indicated that a compromise has been proposed to close S. 180th St./SW 43rd St. on April 15th. He noted that Lind Ave. SW will be open by that date, and Oakesdale Ave. SW is scheduled to be open for traffic the beginning of May. Mr. Zimmerman recommended that Council approve revising the street closure date to April 15th, and he stated that a resolution amending the street closure date could be available at the next

Council meeting.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL
AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF S. 180TH ST./SW 43RD ST. ON APRIL
15, 2002. CARRIED.

Mayor Tanner noted the arrival of Councilman Corman at 7:45 p.m.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Darst -
Veterans Memorial Park

Pat Darst, 2601 Edmonds Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, submitted a letter to Council and stated that he was the Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1263 and the Chairperson for the Renton Veterans Memorial. He expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their support of the Veterans Memorial Park. Commending Renton for having the best parks system around, Mr. Darst said that VFW Post 1263 has contributed to the Veterans Memorial with great pride knowing that the Memorial will be well maintained.

Stating that the subject of the Veterans Memorial Park is currently in the Finance Committee, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE CORRESPONDENCE TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Petersen -
Request for Budget &
Financial Information

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N. #3, Renton, 98056, commented on the City's budget balance and requested that citizens be informed of the true extent of the debt for which the City is obligating the tax payers, and she also asked that citizens be informed of the true costs of proposed projects such as the swimming pool and Veterans Memorial Park. Stating that she had sent electronic letters to the City requesting budgetary information, Ms. Petersen requested the City's cooperation in providing her with the information.

Councilman Parker explained that her request for information was referred to the City Clerk, and the City Clerk responded to Ms. Petersen and explained how and where the information could be obtained. Councilman Parker invited Ms. Petersen to attend the next Finance Committee meeting at which the year-end fund balance will be discussed.

Stating that the State Open Records Law requires that records be made available to citizens when requested, Mayor Tanner explained, however, that the law does not require the City to perform statistical analysis. He pointed out that he receives numerous information requests from Ms. Petersen and expressed concern about the amount of staff time required to compile this type of information.

Councilman Clawson moved that Council provide answers to Ms. Petersen's questions. The motion died for lack of a second. Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington described one of Ms. Petersen's questions concerning City employee travel and conference expenses, and explained that the information is not available in the format she is requesting.

Councilman Corman reported that Council is provided with executive summaries of cost projections; and information regarding the City's proposed projects is readily available. Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler added that she recently met with Mr. Covington to discuss the City's proposed projects and said that he is working with staff to create a report which details the available options and the costs associated with the projects.

Councilman Clawson stated that he would like the Finance Committee to answer

Ms. Petersen's questions if possible, and to also let her know if the information requested cannot be provided.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE CORRESPONDENCE TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Meeting Minutes of
March 25, 2002

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Approval of Council meeting minutes of March 25, 2002. Council concur.

CAG: 02-034, E Kennydale
Sanitary Sewer Infill & Water
Main Replacement, CA
Goodman Const Co

City Clerk reported bid opening on 3/19/2002 for CAG-02-034, East Kennydale Sanitary Sewer Infill and Water Main Replacement; 13 bids; engineer's estimate \$1,299,960.90; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to low bidder, C.A. Goodman Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$937,501.86. Refer to Utilities Committee for discussion regarding the irregularity with the bid.

Community Services: Liberty
Park Power Supply Upgrade

Community Services Department requested authorization to use up to \$22,000 to bring the current power supply at Liberty Park up to code as needed for the Liberty Park Wood Pole and Light System Upgrade project (CAG-01-152). Council concur.

Human Services: Friends of
Youth Request for Funding,
Griffin Home

Human Services Division submitted request by Friends of Youth for \$5,000 in General Funds for the first phase of the Griffin Home redevelopment and recommended that Friends of Youth use the existing process for funding human services and that Council act on the 2003 funding recommendations of the Human Services Advisory Committee for Friends of Youth in June 2002. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Transportation: Transit Signal
Priority System Contract
Addendum, IBI Group

Transportation Systems Division requested approval of a supplement to the agreement with IBI Group, Inc., Transit Signal Priority System project consulting services (CAG-01-098), in the amount of \$48,080 due to changes in design requirements. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Airport: Bruce Leven Lease
Addendum #6 (LAG-88-001)

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Addendum #6 to LAG-88-001, Renton Airport lease with Bruce J. Leven, to document the existing use of a portion of the West Side Office Property which includes a fueling service. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Airport: A-1 Fueling Services
Operating Permit & Agreement

Transportation Systems Division requested approval of an operating permit and agreement with A-1 Fueling Services, Inc. to allow the continuation of an existing fueling business at Renton Airport and to provide other aviation-related services. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

Executive: Communities in
Schools of Renton Contract

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the revised agreement with Communities in Schools of Renton. The Committee reviewed the administration's proposed revisions to the contractual agreement between the City, Community in Schools of Renton (CISR), and the Renton School District. Changes in the way the City of Renton provides services to CISR have necessitated revisions to this agreement. These changes reflect the fact that the City is no longer providing in-kind services of fiscal agent and payroll services. The agreement also reflects the recently signed lease agreement between CISR and the City for office space at City Hall.

The Committee recommended that the City Council authorize the revised agreement between the City of Renton, the Renton School District, and CISR, which clarifies the financial and in-kind support the City provides to CISR.

Further, the Committee recommended that the City Council appropriate \$5,000 from unallocated fund balance to help offset the loss of a key grant to CISR for 2002. The total amount provided to CISR for 2002 will be \$40,500 (\$35,500 for the agreement, and \$5,000 as a grant offset.) MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Public Works: Traffic &
Signage Problems on S 7th St
due to Construction

Councilman Persson asked for investigation of contractor obligations for signage and traffic control on S. 7th St., as well as related parking problems on the 500 block of Morris Ave. S. due to construction work being done.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #4961

Finance: 2002 Carry Forward
Budget Adjustments


An ordinance was read appropriating funds from fund balance, increasing the expenditures in various funds and departments and increasing the 2002 Budget by \$4,400,213.*

Councilman Clawson pointed out that this ordinance authorizes funds not spent in 2001 to be moved forward to 2002.

*MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:12 p.m.



BONNIE I. WALTON, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
April 1, 2002